

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 60th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON BUSINESS AND LABOR

Call to Order: By Chairman Scott Mendenhall, on February 5, 2007
at 8:00 A.M., in Room 172 Capitol.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Scott Mendenhall, Chairman (R)
Rep. Jim Keane, Vice Chairman (D)
Rep. Mike Milburn, Vice Chairman (R)
Rep. Elsie Arntzen (R)
Rep. Shannon Augare (D)
Rep. Scott Boggio (R)
Rep. Ernie Dutton (R)
Rep. Kevin T. Furey (D)
Rep. Ralph Heinert (R)
Rep. Llew Jones (R)
Rep. Harry Klock (R)
Rep. Michele Reinhart (D)
Rep. Wayne Stahl (R)
Rep. Bill Thomas (D)
Rep. Kendall Van Dyk (D)
Rep. Jonathan Windy Boy (D)

Members Excused: None

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Bart Campbell, Legislative Branch
Nancy Kraft, Committee Secretary

Audio Committees: These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 461, 1/31/2007; HB 471,
1/31/2007; HB 482, 1/31/2007
Executive Action: None

HEARING ON HB 461

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:02:45 Rep. Bob Ebinger (D), HD 62, opened the hearing on HB 461, Cigarette fire safety standards.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:06:01 David Nuss, National Fire Protection Association
00:10:32 Jim Mastin, Fire Chief, Park County Fire Council
00:15:07 Steve Larson, Fire Chief, Montana Fire Chiefs' Association
00:16:19 Greg Megaard, Bozeman Fire Department
00:16:48 Allen Lorenz, State Fire Marshall
00:17:29 Pat Keim, Altria Corporation, Phillip Morris
00:20:00 John Semple, Montana Fire Alliance
00:20:29 Doug Neil, Montana State Fireman's Association & Montana State Council of Professional Fire Fighters
00:21:29 Todd Harwell, Department of Public Health and Human Services (DPHHS)

EXHIBIT (buh25a01)

00:22:45 Nanette Gilbertson, American Cancer Society

EXHIBIT (buh25a02)

Opponents' Testimony:

00:23:31 Jerome Anderson, Reynolds America Incorporated

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:32:46 Rep. Heinert
00:34:00 Mr. Keim
00:35:39 Mr. Nuss
00:36:19 Rep. Heinert
00:36:52 Mr. Keim
00:38:09 Rep. Keane
00:38:25 Mr. Anderson
00:39:53 Rep. Reinhart
00:40:16 Rep. Ebinger
00:41:48 Rep. Arntzen
00:42:04 Mr. Nuss
00:42:48 Rep. Arntzen
00:42:56 Mr. Keim
00:43:14 Rep. Keane
00:43:51 Rep. Ebinger

Closing by Sponsor:

00:45:05 Rep. Ebinger

[EXHIBIT \(buh25a03\)](#)

00:48:58 Rep. Mendenhall

00:49:12 Rep. Ebinger

HEARING ON HB 471

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:50:03 Rep. Sue Dickenson (D), HD 25, opened the hearing on HB 471, Rent notification for elderly and disabled.

[EXHIBIT \(buh25a04\)](#)

Proponents' Testimony:

00:56:34 Joy Bruck, AARP Montana

[EXHIBIT \(buh25a05\)](#)

01:00:28 Michael O'Neil, Montana Home Choice Coalition

Opponents' Testimony:

01:02:33 Casey Blumenthal, Montana Hospital Association

[EXHIBIT \(buh25a06\)](#)

01:07:03 Rose Hughes, Montana Health Care Association

[EXHIBIT \(buh25a07\)](#)

01:15:01 Loren Lynch, Vintage Suites Assisted Living,
Butte, Montana

01:17:03 Stephen Miles, Big Sky Care Center, Helena, Montana

01:20:01 Judy Annin, Vintage Suites Assisted Living, Billings,
Montana

01:23:20 Colleen Benjamin, Edgewood Vista, Billings, Montana

01:24:41 Linda Sandman, Son Heaven Assisted Living

01:24:59 Mary Lunde, Waterford, Helena and Butte, Montana

Informational Testimony:

01:25:25 Roy Kemp, Department of Public Health and Human
Services (DPHHS)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:26:03 Rep. Heinert

01:26:48 Rep. Dickenson

01:29:01 Rep. Heinert

01:29:34 Mr. Miles

01:30:40 Rep. Augare

01:31:05 Ms. Bruck

01:32:16 Rep. Mendenhall

01:32:39 Ms. Lunde

Closing by Sponsor:

01:37:58 Rep. Dickenson

01:45:07 Break

HEARING ON HB 482

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

02:04:02 Rep. Robin Hamilton (D), HD 92, opened the hearing on HB 482, Disclosure of insurance underwriting information.

Proponents' Testimony:

02:07:00 Amy Minto, Attorneys Liability Protection Society (ALPS)

02:08:05 Brad Dantic, ALPS

EXHIBIT (buh25a08)

02:14:54 Todd Lovshin, Allegiance Insurance Companies

02:18:31 Cheryl Wood, Montana Association of Counties

Opponents' Testimony:

02:21:20 Tonya Ask, Blue Cross/Blue Shield of Montana

EXHIBIT (buh25a09)

02:28:10 Steve Turkiewicz, Montana Bankers Association; State Bankers' Group Benefits' Trust

02:36:20 Bruce Spencer, Montana Automobile Dealers' Association

02:40:06 Frank Cote, America's Health Insurance Plans

02:41:44 Jason Todhunter, Montana Logging Association

02:41:50 Don Allen, Insurance & Financial Advisors of Montana

02:42:16 Jon Bennion, Montana Chamber of Commerce

02:42:31 Mary McHugh, Montana Dental Association

02:42:54 Richard Miltonberger, Mountain West Benefit Solutions

02:43:29 Leo Berry, New West Health Services

02:43:38 Brad Griffin, Montana Retail Association

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

02:44:06 Rep. Furey

02:44:39 Mr. Dantic

02:47:14 Rep. Reinhart

02:47:21 Mr. Turkiewicz

02:47:53 Rep. Furey

02:48:13 Mr. Turkiewicz

Closing by Sponsor:

02:49:14 Rep. Hamilton

ADJOURNMENT

02:50:06 Adjournment: 11:50 A.M.

REP. SCOTT MENDENHALL, Chairman

NANCY KRAFT, Secretary

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Additional Exhibits:

EXHIBIT ([buh25aad.pdf](#))